

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOWN OF PORTER HELD
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023

1. Call to order.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bradah Littlefield at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll call, declaration of a quorum being present.

Members present were: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, and Clifford Marshall, Jr. Kristin Eaton came into the meeting at 6:05 p.m., during item 7 on the agenda, appearances or petitions from the audience. Norma Meyer was absent. A quorum was present.

Others present were: Nick Jackson, Kendra Moore, Kimmi Mullen, Jackie Todd, Mark Secrist, Teddy Abbott, and Shirley Herring.

3. Prayer.

Mayor Bradah Littlefield said a prayer.

4. Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board members and members of the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Necessary action concerning approval of the consent agenda:

- a. Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.
- b. Approval of the purchase orders.
- c. Approval of the payroll purchase orders.

Motion was made by Whitney Littlefield to approve the consent agenda (items a, b, and c). The motion was seconded by Clifford Marshall, Jr. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, and Clifford Marshall, Jr. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

6. Consideration and possible action on items removed from the consent agenda.

No items were removed from the consent agenda.

7. Appearances or petitions from the audience:

a. Wagoner County Sheriff Chris Elliot, concerning Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Porter and Muscogee (Creek) Nation for issuing citations to tribal citizens.

Sheriff Chris Elliot could not appear; therefore, Undersheriff Mark Secrist appeared in his place. Mark Secrist said earlier in the year, a native American person was pulled over in Tulsa and issued a citation. He said this person protested the citation claiming that Tulsa did not have jurisdiction, due to him being a tribal citizen. Mr. Secrist said there is no problem with the deputies issuing citations to tribal citizens if the deputies are cross deputized with the tribe, and there is a Memorandum of Agreement between the tribe and the Town. He said the tribe may get some of the money from the fine. Mr. Secrist said most of the Wagoner County deputies are cross deputized with the Cherokee Nation, but not with the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. He said it is taking time to get cross deputized with the Creek Nation. Mayor Bradah Littlefield said the Principal Chief of the Creek Nation and the Chief of the Lighthorse Security are meeting with the Creek Nation's District Attorney sometime in September to see what needs to be done concerning municipalities issuing citations to Creek citizens.

b. Others from the audience.

There were no appearances or petitions from others in the audience.

8. Discussion and necessary action concerning:

(a) Approval of Resolution #2023-5, authorizing application for a Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant from Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG).

Town Clerk Shirley Herring said this item was inadvertently omitted from the August 10, 2023, meeting. This resolution authorizes the Town of Porter to apply for both the Economic/Community Development Grant and the Transportation Grant. Motion was made by Whitney Littlefield to approve Resolution #2023-5, authorizing application for a Rural Economic Action Plan (REAP) Grant from Indian Nations Council of Governments (INCOG). The motion was seconded by Clifford Marshall, Jr. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(b) Approval of Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Porter and Muscogee (Creek) Nation for issuing citations to tribal citizens.

Mayor Bradah Littlefield said this Memorandum has not been prepared yet. Motion was made by Bradah Littlefield to take no action on this item. The motion was seconded by Whitney Littlefield. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(c) City sponsored Trunk or Treat.

The Board members discussed having the Trunk or Treat on the Saturday before Halloween or on Tuesday, October 31st, the actual Halloween date. Mayor Bradah Littlefield said the First Baptist Church is having a Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 28th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Motion was made by Whitney Littlefield to have the city sponsored trunk or treat on the Saturday before Halloween (October 28th) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Kristin Eaton. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

(d) Allowing Carol Blackburn to reside in a RV camper at 834 E. Hale Avenue.

Carol Blackburn was not able to appear before the Board. Motion was made by Bradah Littlefield to take no action on this item. The motion was seconded by Kristin Eaton. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, Jr., and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

9. Reports from:

(a) Fire Department.

Assistant Fire Chief Nick Jackson reported that the firefighters responded to 28 calls in August, which included 20 medical calls, 3 motor vehicle accidents, 2 brush fires, and 3 vehicle fires. He said the fire department used 2,600 gallons of water in August. Nick said a company is coming on Monday, September 11th to repair the storm sirens. Nick said there is going to be a benefit held for Michael Seals at the Coweta Fire Department on September 23rd, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

(b) Department heads.

No reports.

(c) Mayor

No report.

10. New business.

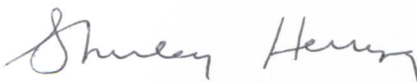
Whitney Littlefield said people renting the Civic Center have been taping pictures on the walls. She said when the tape is removed, it takes off the paint. She said the renters have also been going down into the basement. Mayor Bradah Littlefield said the gate going down to the basement needs to be locked.

11. Adjournment.

Motion was made by Whitney Littlefield to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Clifford Marshall, Jr. Voted yes: Whitney Littlefield, Bradah Littlefield, Clifford Marshall, and Kristin Eaton. Voted no: None. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.


BRADAH LITTLEFIELD, MAYOR


SHIRLEY HERRING, TOWN CLERK